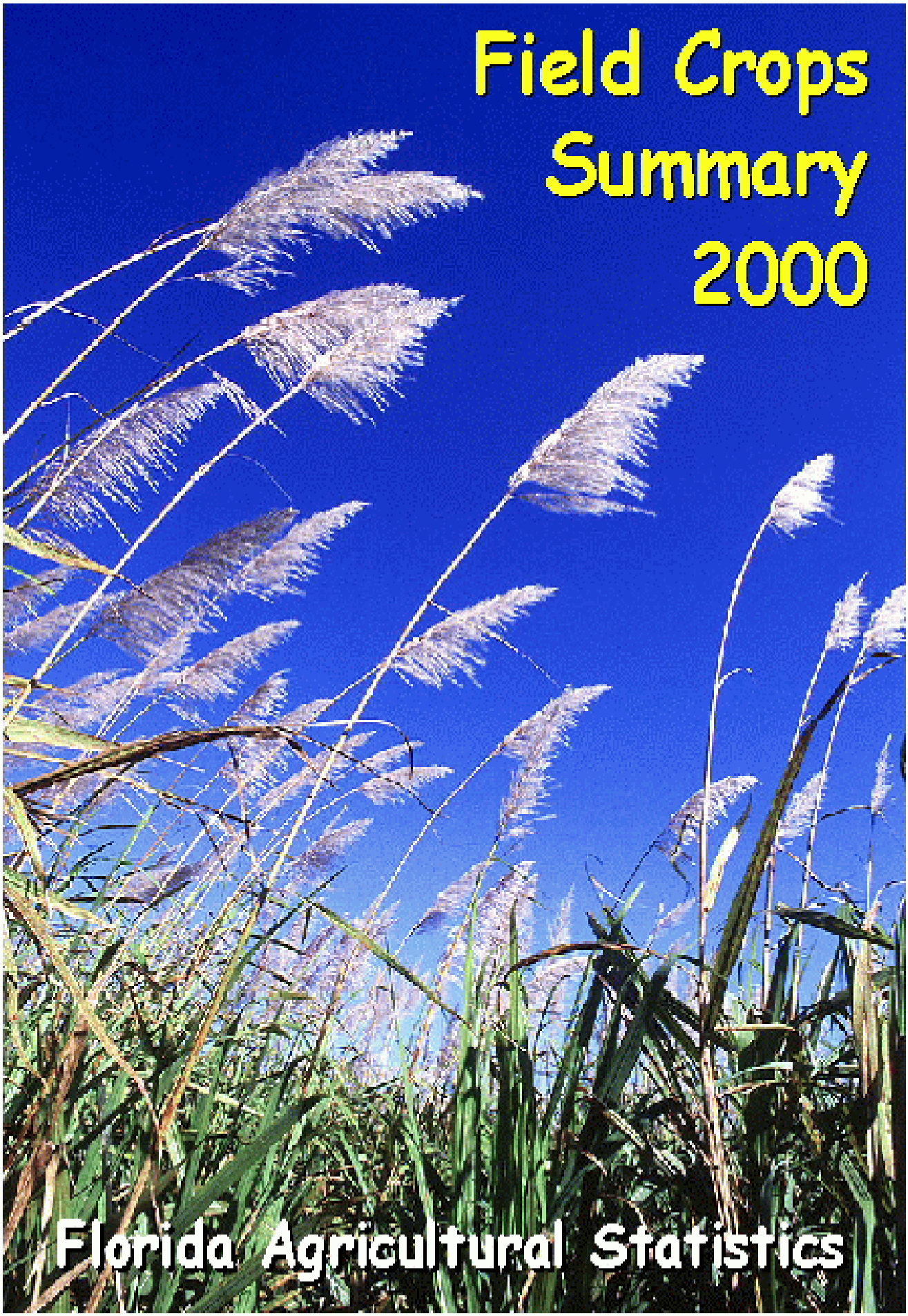
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# SUMMARY OF THE 2000 FIELD CROPS SEASON

## INTRODUCTION

This annual publication contains statewide estimates of acreage, yield, production, and value of production for major field crops grown in Florida. The period covered for these crops is from 1990 through 2000.

Data are published for the major counties producing corn, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, sugarcane, and tobacco for 1999 and 2000. District totals are published for wheat. Potato county estimates are published for the years 1995 through 2000.

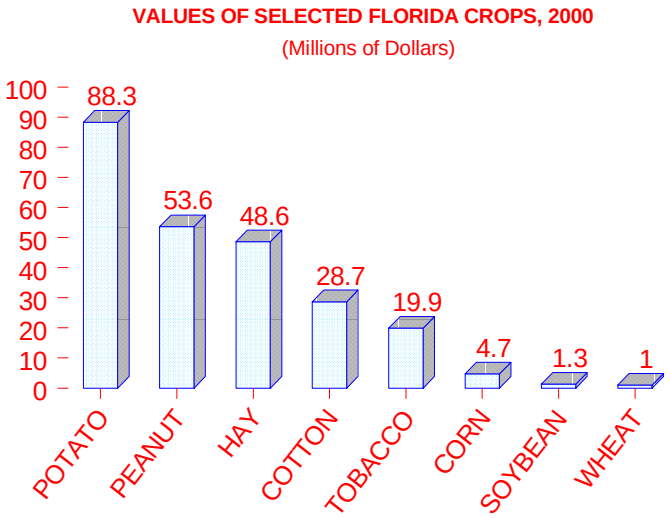
## SUMMARY

Farmers finished planting wheat for grain in mid to late December 1999. Mostly dry and warm conditions during January, February, and March 2000 provided nearly ideal conditions for sugarcane planting, harvesting of the 1999 sugarcane crop, and the growth of tobacco transplants. Sugarcane planting and harvesting started to slow seasonally in late February as grinding mills began to close.

Warm weather continued into March as producers started planting field corn. Tobacco growers started planting transplants during late March as cotton and peanut planting began. Cooler temperatures during April slowed the maturation of some crops with a frost harming some corn and hay. Heavy rain during early April harmed some potatoes, especially in Flagler County. Dry soils delayed some cotton and peanut planting during late April. Heavy rains eroded some peanut fields in the Panhandle near the end of the month.

Small grain acreage started to dry during early May with harvesting underway about mid-month. Persistent dry weather caused poor development of non-irrigated field crop acreage in northern Peninsula and Panhandle areas with cotton fields not making full stands. Corn began to tassel during late May. However, continued dry weather lowered the condition of corn with most dryland acreage abandoned. Many irrigation systems could not keep up with water demands of field corn. Small grain growers finished harvesting by early June. Hay making fell behind normal due to lack of plant growth. Some irrigation wells dried up. Dry soils delayed peanut and cotton planting. Localized heavy rains during late June over the Panhandle caused some flooding with some poor peanut stands replanted. Tobacco harvesting started during late June.

The late June rains over the Panhandle caused peanut seeds to germinate and allowed first cuts of hay to be made during early July in some localities. Mostly dry conditions persisted during July which allowed late harvesting of tobacco. Dry soils delayed some soybean planting around mid-month. Corn silage harvesting made rapid progress during July with growers almost finished by the end of the month. The extreme July heat reduced peanut blooming and pollination, and lowered the condition of cotton with producers abandoning some fields.




Hay yields were reportedly low during the month. Tobacco markets opened on August 1 and harvesting neared the end by late month. Producers delayed some field work in late August as Hurricane Debby approached but found relief when the storm broke up before hitting the State. Combining of corn and peanut digging were active by the end of August.

Cotton picking started about mid-September as corn grain harvesting wound down. The passage of Hurricane Gordon and Tropical Storm Helene off the west coast and over the Big Bend area in late September interrupted some cotton and peanut harvesting. The cool October weather slowed the maturation of cotton. Tobacco markets closed before mid-month. Soybean and sugarcane harvesting started about mid-October. Cool, dry weather continued into November. Dry soils delayed some peanut digging as soybean harvesting neared the end in early November. Lesser amounts of rain during November allowed the sugarcane harvest to progress normally. A hard freeze after mid-month in Panhandle and northern areas halted the picking of some cotton fields. Freezing temperatures damaged some sugarcane around New Years 2001. Cool, dry weather in January 2001 allowed salvage harvest of the 2000 sugarcane crop.

**CORN:** Acreage planted for all purposes, at 85,000 acres, was 6 percent less than 1999. Acreage harvested for grain, at 28,000 acres, was down 30 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 75 bushels per acre was down 18 bushels from last year. The production of corn for grain was 2.1 million bushels, down 44 percent from 1999. The average price of $2.25 per bushel was down 5 cents from a year earlier. The value of production was $4,725,000, down 45 percent from the

1999 value of production.

**COTTON:** Cotton planted acreage was 130,000 acres, a 21 percent increase over the previous year. Harvested acreage of 106,000 acres was the same as last year. The average yield of 480 pounds per acre was down 36 pounds from 1999. Production, at 106,000 bales, was down 7 percent from last year. The average price was 56.5 cents per pound.

**HAY:** A total of 675,000 tons of hay was cut from 270,000 acres during 2000, down 10 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 2.5 tons per acre was down 0.4 tons from a year earlier. The average price per ton at $72.00 was $23.50 less than last year.

**PEANUTS:** The 94,000 acres planted amounted to a 8 percent decrease from 1999. Of the total planted acres, 86,000 acres were harvested for dry nuts. The remaining acreage was either harvested as green nuts, cut for hay, used as pasture, or abandoned. The average yield of 2,485 pounds per acres was down 285 pounds from a year earlier. Total production, at 213,710,000 pounds, was down 18 percent from 1999. The average price, at 25.1 cents per pound, was up 1.9 cents from the year before. The value of production, at $53,641,000, was 11 percent less than 1999.

**PECANS:** Utilized production from the 2000 pecan crop was 3.3 million pounds. Of the total utilized production, 1.2 million pounds were improved varieties and 2.1 million pounds were native or seedling. The average price for all pecans was 76.4 cents.

**POTATOES:** The area planted to all potatoes, including both winter and spring crops, was 30,500 acres, down 21 percent from last year. Harvested acreage at 29,500 acres, was down 21 percent from 1999. The average yield for the total crop was 286 cwt per acre, the same as a year earlier. Total potato production in 2000 totaled 8.4 million cwt, a decrease of 21 percent from the previous year. The average price of $10.50 was $1.40 less than previous year.

Planted acreage of winter potatoes totaled 8,200 acres. Harvested acreage was 8,000 acres with a yield of 260 cwt. Production, at 2.1 million cwt, was up 12 percent from 1999. Red-skinned varieties are the dominant type grown for winter harvest in south Florida. Most of the winter crop is sold for table stock.

Spring potatoes in the Hastings area, which includes Flagler, Putnam, and St. John's counties, totaled 17,200 acres planted in 2000. Of the total planted, 16,500 acres were harvested. The crop yield was 295 cwt per acre with a production of 4.9 million cwt. White-skinned varieties dominate the production in the Hastings area, with the largest percentage of potatoes going to the processing market for chips.

The other spring potato group, which includes all spring potatoes grown outside the Hastings area, totaled 5,100 acres planted and 5,000 acres harvested, a decrease of 2,000 acres harvested from a year earlier. The crop yielded 295 cwt per acre with production at 1.5 million cwt.

**SOYBEANS:** The 20,000 acres planted to soybeans were the same as the previous year. Acreage harvested for beans totaled 15,000 acres, 4,000 acres less than 1999. The yield of 19 bushels per acre was 13 bushels less than the previous year. The season average price of $4.45 per bushel was down 20 cents from a year earlier. Value of production totaled $1.3 million, down 55 percent from 1999.

**SUGARCANE:** The area of sugarcane harvested for sugar and seed totaled 445,000 acres, 10,000 acres less than the previous season. Of this total, 427,000 acres were cut for sugar and the remaining 18,000 acres were used for seed. The average yield was 38.3 tons per acre, 3.3 tons more than the 1999 season. The value of production for the 2000 crop will be published in February 2002. The value of the 1999 crop for sugar and seed combined was placed at $437.9 million, down 17 percent from 1998.

**TOBACCO:** Acreage harvested in 2000 totaled 4,500 acres, a decrease of 1,300 acres from the previous year. The average yield was 2,550 pounds per acre, down 90 pounds from a year earlier. Total production at 11.5 million pounds was down 25 percent from 1999. The average price for all grades sold was $1.73 per pound, the same as the previous year. The crop was valued at $19.9 million, down 25 percent from a year earlier. The first market opened on August 1 and the last closed on October 8.

**WHEAT:** Acreage planted to winter wheat totaled 13,000 acres, down 19 percent from 1999. Of the total acres planted, 9,000 acres were harvested for grain, down 4,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield of 49 bushels per acre was up 9 bushels from a year earlier. Total production was 441,000 bushels, down 15 percent from the 1999 crop. The average price of $2.25 per bushel was down 20 cents from the previous year. The value of production was $992,000, down 22 percent last year.

**FIELD CROPS**: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1990 through 2000 [1/]

| Crop and year | Area | | Yield | Production | Season average price | Value of production |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Planted | Harvested | | | | |
| | 1,000 acres | | | | Dollars | 1,000 dollars |
| CORN [2/] | | | Bushels | 1,000 bushels | | |
| 1990 | 105 | 75 | 71 | 5,325 | 2.70 | 14,378 |
| 1991 | 110 | 75 | 68 | 5,100 | 2.60 | 13,260 |
| 1992 | 150 | 110 | 75 | 8,250 | 2.30 | 18,975 |
| 1993 | 140 | 100 | 65 | 6,500 | 2.55 | 16,575 |
| 1994 | 120 | 80 | 85 | 6,800 | 2.40 | 16,320 |
| 1995 | 100 | 60 | 90 | 5,400 | 3.20 | 17,280 |
| 1996 | 140 | 112 | 88 | 9,856 | 3.80 | 37,453 |
| 1997 | 120 | 75 | 80 | 6,000 | 2.90 | 17,400 |
| 1998 | 160 | 55 | 62 | 3,410 | 2.30 | 7,843 |
| 1999 | 90 | 40 | 93 | 3,720 | 2.30 | 8,630 |
| 2000 | 85 | 28 | 75 | 2,100 | 2.25 | 4,725 |
| **COTTON** [3/] | | | Pounds | 1,000 bales | | |
| 1990 | 37.0 | 36.0 | 640 | 48.0 | .680 | 15,667 |
| 1991 | 50.0 | 49.0 | 719 | 73.4 | .554 | 19,519 |
| 1992 | 50.0 | 49.5 | 701 | 72.3 | .561 | 19,469 |
| 1993 | 54.0 | 53.5 | 696 | 77.6 | .555 | 20,673 |
| 1994 | 69.0 | 68.0 | 735 | 104.1 | .722 | 36,077 |
| 1995 | 110.0 | 109.0 | 472 | 107.2 | .800 | 41,165 |
| 1996 | 99.0 | 98.2 | 637 | 130.4 | .686 | 42,938 |
| 1997 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 577 | 119.1 | .654 | 37,388 |
| 1998 | 89.0 | 80.0 | 489 | 81.5 | .542 | 21,203 |
| 1999 | 107.0 | 106.0 | 516 | 114.0 | .425 | 23,256 |
| 2000 | 130.0 | 106.0 | 480 | 106.0 | .565 | 28,747 |
| **COTTONSEED** | | | | 1,000 tons | | |
| 1990 | -- | -- | -- | 17.0 | 100.00 | 1,700 |
| 1991 | -- | -- | -- | 28.0 | 53.50 | 1,498 |
| 1992 | -- | -- | -- | 25.0 | 91.00 | 2,275 |
| 1993 | -- | -- | -- | 27.0 | 101.00 | 2,727 |
| 1994 | -- | -- | -- | 33.0 | 80.00 | 2,640 |
| 1995 | -- | -- | -- | 38.0 | [4/] | [4/] |
| 1996 | -- | -- | -- | 46.0 | 109.00 | 5,014 |
| 1997 | -- | -- | -- | 45.0 | 120.00 | 5,400 |
| 1998 | -- | -- | -- | 26.0 | 110.00 | 2,860 |
| 1999 | -- | -- | -- | 36.0 | 85.50 | 3,078 |
| 2000 | -- | -- | -- | 35.0 | 100.00 | 3,500 |

[1/] All 2000 estimates are preliminary. [2/] Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. [3/] Production in 480 pound net weight bales. [4/] Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**FIELD CROPS**: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1990 through 2000 [1/]

| Crop and year | Area | | Yield | Production | Season average price | Value of production |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Planted | Harvested | | | | |
| | 1,000 acres | | | | Dollars | 1,000 dollars |
| **HAY, ALL** | | | Tons | 1,000 tons | | |
| 1990 | -- | 240 | 2.30 | 552 | 78.00 | 43,056 |
| 1991 | -- | 230 | 2.90 | 667 | 86.00 | 57,362 |
| 1992 | -- | 270 | 2.80 | 756 | 82.00 | 61,992 |
| 1993 | -- | 250 | 2.60 | 650 | 85.00 | 55,250 |
| 1994 | -- | 240 | 3.10 | 744 | 95.00 | 70,680 |
| 1995 | -- | 230 | 2.50 | 575 | 83.00 | 47,725 |
| 1996 | -- | 240 | 2.60 | 624 | 84.00 | 52,416 |
| 1997 | -- | 250 | 2.60 | 650 | 86.00 | 55,900 |
| 1998 | -- | 230 | 2.50 | 575 | 114.00 | 65,550 |
| 1999 | -- | 260 | 2.90 | 754 | 95.50 | 72,007 |
| 2000 | -- | 270 | 2.50 | 675 | 72.00 | 48,600 |
| **PEANUTS** [2/] | | | Pounds | 1,000 pounds | | |
| 1990 | 108 | 100 | 2,340 | 234,000 | .300 | 70,200 |
| 1991 | 126 | 118 | 2,370 | 279,660 | .263 | 73,551 |
| 1992 | 85 | 77 | 2,630 | 202,510 | .286 | 57,918 |
| 1993 | 98 | 84 | 2,320 | 194,880 | .296 | 57,684 |
| 1994 | 92 | 84 | 2,470 | 207,480 | .281 | 58,302 |
| 1995 | 89 | 81 | 2,390 | 193,590 | .271 | 52,463 |
| 1996 | 90 | 82 | 2,880 | 236,160 | .281 | 66,361 |
| 1997 | 92 | 84 | 2,715 | 228,060 | .280 | 63,857 |
| 1998 | 98 | 90 | 2,590 | 233,100 | .298 | 69,464 |
| 1999 | 102 | 94 | 2,770 | 260,380 | .232 | 60,408 |
| 2000 | 94 | 86 | 2,485 | 213,710 | .251 | 53,641 |
| **POTATOES** | Acres | | Cwt | 1,000 cwt | | |
| 1990 | 45,500 | 44,700 | 219 | 9,792 | 14.40 | 140,734 |
| 1991 | 43,700 | 43,000 | 188 | 8,082 | 20.40 | 164,885 |
| 1992 | 41,200 | 40,100 | 234 | 9,370 | 9.90 | 92,890 |
| 1993 | 44,700 | 41,900 | 181 | 7,580 | 17.00 | 128,945 |
| 1994 | 47,600 | 46,400 | 215 | 9,992 | 11.90 | 119,329 |
| 1995 | 46,800 | 42,900 | 210 | 9,003 | 9.40 | 84,490 |
| 1996 | 46,800 | 44,300 | 217 | 9,613 | 13.20 | 126,861 |
| 1997 | 43,500 | 42,100 | 214 | 9,030 | 12.20 | 110,359 |
| 1998 | 44,300 | 42,500 | 207 | 8,798 | 14.70 | 129,051 |
| 1999 | 38,400 | 37,300 | 286 | 10,680 | 11.90 | 126,929 |
| 2000 | 30,500 | 29,500 | 286 | 8,423 | 10.50 | 88,318 |

[1/] All 2000 estimates are preliminary. [2/] Planted for all purposes; harvested for dry nuts.

**FIELD CROPS**: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1990 through 2000 [1/]

| Crop and year | Area | | Yield | Production | Season average price | Value of production |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Planted | Harvested | | | | |
| | Acres | | | | Dollars | 1,000 dollars |
| **SOYBEANS** [2/] | 1,000 acres | | Bushels | 1,000 bushels | | |
| 1990 | 80 | 75 | 19 | 1,425 | 5.65 | 8,051 |
| 1991 | 45 | 43 | 27 | 1,161 | 5.40 | 6,269 |
| 1992 | 55 | 50 | 30 | 1,500 | 5.20 | 7,800 |
| 1993 | 55 | 50 | 25 | 1,250 | 6.35 | 7,938 |
| 1994 | 45 | 42 | 31 | 1,302 | 5.40 | 7,031 |
| 1995 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 728 | 6.50 | 4,732 |
| 1996 | 35 | 33 | 32 | 1,056 | 7.00 | 7,392 |
| 1997 | 47 | 45 | 25 | 1,125 | 7.00 | 7,875 |
| 1998 | 35 | 30 | 23 | 690 | 5.20 | 3,588 |
| 1999 | 20 | 19 | 32 | 608 | 4.65 | 2,827 |
| 2000 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 285 | 4.45 | 1,268 |
| **SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED** | | | Tons | 1,000 tons | | |
| 1990 | -- | 434 | 35.5 | 15,407 | 31.50 | 485,321 |
| 1991 | -- | 443 | 34.9 | 15,461 | 31.00 | 479,291 |
| 1992 | -- | 443 | 33.2 | 14,707 | 29.80 | 438,269 |
| 1993 | -- | 444 | 34.1 | 15,152 | 30.40 | 460,621 |
| 1994 | -- | 444 | 33.6 | 14,937 | 30.60 | 457,072 |
| 1995 | -- | 437 | 34.6 | 15,122 | 30.60 | 462,733 |
| 1996 | -- | 438 | 33.1 | 14,498 | 29.40 | 426,241 |
| 1997 | -- | 440 | 36.9 | 16,236 | 28.70 | 465,973 |
| 1998 | -- | 447 | 40.1 | 17,925 | 29.50 | 528,788 |
| 1999 | -- | 460 | 35.0 | 16,100 | 27.20 | 437,920 |
| 2000 | -- | 445 | 38.3 | 17,045 | [3/] | [3/] |
| **SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR** | | | Tons | 1,000 tons | | |
| 1990 | -- | 419 | 35.5 | 14,874 | 31.50 | 468,531 |
| 1991 | -- | 428 | 34.9 | 14,937 | 31.00 | 463,047 |
| 1992 | -- | 426 | 33.2 | 14,143 | 29.80 | 421,461 |
| 1993 | -- | 425 | 34.1 | 14,512 | 30.40 | 441,165 |
| 1994 | -- | 423 | 33.6 | 14,216 | 30.60 | 435,010 |
| 1995 | -- | 417 | 34.6 | 14,445 | 30.60 | 442,017 |
| 1996 | -- | 417 | 33.1 | 13,803 | 29.40 | 405,808 |
| 1997 | -- | 421 | 36.9 | 15,535 | 28.70 | 465,973 |
| 1998 | -- | 426 | 40.1 | 17,083 | 29.50 | 503,949 |
| 1999 | -- | 443 | 35.0 | 15,505 | 27.20 | 421,736 |
| 2000 | -- | 427 | 38.3 | 16,354 | [3/] | [3/] |

[1/] All 2000 estimates are preliminary. [2/] Planted for all purposes; harvested for beans. [3/] Estimates of season average price and value of production for the 2000 crop will be available February 2002.

**FIELD CROPS**: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1990 through 2000 [1/]

| Crop and year | Area | | Yield | Production | Season average price | Value of production |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Planted | Harvested | | | | |
| | 1,000 acres | | | | Dollars | 1,000 dollars |
| **TOBACCO, FLUE-CURED,TYPE 14** | | | Pounds | 1,000 pounds | | |
| 1990 | -- | 6.90 | 2,760 | 19,044 | 1.730 | 32,946 |
| 1991 | -- | 6.60 | 2,320 | 15,312 | 1.660 | 25,418 |
| 1992 | -- | 7.50 | 2,610 | 19,575 | 1.628 | 31,868 |
| 1993 | -- | 7.10 | 2,630 | 18,673 | 1.638 | 30,586 |
| 1994 | -- | 6.50 | 2,550 | 16,575 | 1.650 | 27,349 |
| 1995 | -- | 7.20 | 2,455 | 17,676 | 1.761 | 31,127 |
| 1996 | -- | 7.50 | 2,680 | 20,100 | 1.808 | 36,341 |
| 1997 | -- | 7.30 | 2,610 | 19,053 | 1.721 | 32,790 |
| 1998 | -- | 6.80 | 2,515 | 17,102 | 1.697 | 29,022 |
| 1999 | -- | 5.80 | 2,640 | 15,312 | 1.730 | 26,490 |
| 2000 | -- | 4.50 | 2,550 | 11,475 | 1.730 | 19,852 |
| **WHEAT** | | | Bushels | 1,000 bushels | | |
| 1990 | 65 | 55 | 33 | 1,815 | 2.80 | 5,082 |
| 1991 | 50 | 25 | 23 | 575 | 2.15 | 1,236 |
| 1992 | 45 | 20 | 42 | 840 | 3.30 | 2,772 |
| 1993 | 40 | 25 | 33 | 825 | 2.70 | 2,228 |
| 1994 | 25 | 15 | 42 | 630 | 2.80 | 1,764 |
| 1995 | 20 | 12 | 32 | 384 | 3.15 | 1,210 |
| 1996 | 13 | 10 | 38 | 380 | 4.40 | 1,672 |
| 1997 | 20 | 17 | 39 | 663 | 3.40 | 2,254 |
| 1998 | 15 | 13 | 43 | 559 | 2.50 | 1,398 |
| 1999 | 16 | 13 | 40 | 520 | 2.45 | 1,274 |
| 2000 | 13 | 9 | 49 | 441 | 2.25 | 992 |

[1/] All 2000 estimates are preliminary.

**PECANS**: Production, price and value, Florida,
crop years 1990 through 2000

| Year | Utilized production | | | Season average price | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Varieties | | Total | Varieties | | Total |
| | Improved | Native and seedling | | Improved | Native and seedling | |
| | 1,000 pounds | | | Cents | | |
| 1990 | 2,000 | 1,600 | 3,600 | 110.0 | 80.0 | 96.7 |
| 1991 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 3,500 | 101.0 | 87.0 | 95.0 |
| 1992 | 1,700 | 800 | 2,500 | 170.0 | 110.0 | 151.0 |
| 1993 | 3,200 | 4,300 | 7,500 | 49.0 | 44.0 | 46.1 |
| 1994 | 400 | 1,500 | 1,900 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 84.2 |
| 1995 | 600 | 500 | 1,100 | 95.0 | 75.0 | 85.9 |
| 1996 | 500 | 1,400 | 1,900 | 65.0 | 55.0 | 57.6 |
| 1997 | 600 | 1,200 | 1,800 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 73.3 |
| 1998 | 200 | 1,100 | 1,300 | 110.0 | 75.0 | 80.4 |
| 1999 | 1,100 | 2,600 | 3,700 | 90.0 | 65.0 | 72.4 |
| 2000 | 1,200 | 2,100 | 3,300 | 105.0 | 60.0 | 76.4 |

| Year | Value of utilized production | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Varieties | | Total |
| | Improved | Native and seedling | |
| | 1,000 dollars | | |
| 1990 | 2,200 | 1,280 | 3,480 |
| 1991 | 2,020 | 1,305 | 3,325 |
| 1992 | 2,890 | 880 | 3,770 |
| 1993 | 1,568 | 1,892 | 3,460 |
| 1994 | 400 | 1,200 | 1,600 |
| 1995 | 570 | 375 | 945 |
| 1996 | 325 | 770 | 1,095 |
| 1997 | 600 | 720 | 1,320 |
| 1998 | 220 | 825 | 1,045 |
| 1999 | 990 | 1,690 | 2,680 |
| 2000 | 1,260 | 1,260 | 2,520 |

**CORN**: Acreage, yield and production, by county, **1999**

| District and county | Planted for all purposes | Harvested for grain | Yield per acre | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | | Bushels | |
| **District 10** | | | | |
| Calhoun | 1,500 | 700 | 78.6 | 55,000 |
| Escambia | 5,400 | 2,000 | 105.0 | 210,000 |
| Gadsden | 1,200 | 600 | 93.3 | 56,000 |
| Holmes | 1,900 | 800 | 80.0 | 64,000 |
| Jackson | 14,000 | 8,500 | 113.3 | 963,000 |
| Jefferson | 3,700 | 1,600 | 78.1 | 125,000 |
| Leon | 900 | 800 | 57.5 | 46,000 |
| Okaloosa | 800 | 400 | 85.0 | 34,000 |
| Santa Rosa | 900 | 400 | 80.0 | 32,000 |
| Walton | 1,500 | 500 | 82.0 | 41,000 |
| Washington | 3,300 | 1,400 | 88.6 | 124,000 |
| Total | 35,100 | 17,700 | 98.9 | 1,750,000 |
| **District 30** | | | | |
| Columbia | 3,700 | 1,400 | 80.7 | 113,000 |
| Hamilton | 5,000 | 3,500 | 102.0 | 357,000 |
| Lafayette | 1,500 | 300 | 83.3 | 25,000 |
| Madison | 7,300 | 3,600 | 86.1 | 310,000 |
| Suwannee | 8,800 | 3,100 | 93.9 | 291,000 |
| Total | 26,300 | 11,900 | 92.1 | 1,096,000 |
| **District 50** | | | | |
| Alachua | 5,800 | 2,200 | 75.5 | 166,000 |
| Gilchrist | 7,300 | 2,100 | 73.8 | 155,000 |
| Levy | 5,800 | 400 | 82.5 | 33,000 |
| Union | 1,000 | 700 | 78.6 | 55,000 |
| Total | 19,900 | 5,400 | 75.7 | 409,000 |
| **Other, State** | 8,700 | 5,000 | 93.0 | 465,000 |
| **State Total** | 90,000 | 40,000 | 93.0 | 3,720,000 |

**CORN**: Acreage, yield and production, by county, **2000**

| District and county | Planted for all purposes | Harvested for grain | Yield per acre | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | | Bushels | |
| **District 10** | | | | |
| Calhoun | 700 | 400 | 80.0 | 32,000 |
| Escambia | 5,400 | 1,900 | 61.6 | 117,000 |
| Gadsden | 1,900 | 800 | 51.3 | 41,000 |
| Holmes | 3,000 | 700 | 81.4 | 57,000 |
| Jackson | 9,500 | 3,500 | 96.0 | 336,000 |
| Jefferson | 2,100 | 1,000 | 55.0 | 55,000 |
| Leon | 1,600 | 300 | 56.7 | 17,000 |
| Okaloosa | 1,600 | 600 | 50.0 | 30,000 |
| Santa Rosa | 1,200 | 400 | 60.0 | 24,000 |
| Walton | 1,800 | 400 | 55.0 | 22,000 |
| Washington | 3,800 | 1,800 | 71.7 | 129,000 |
| Total | 32,600 | 11,800 | 72.9 | 860,000 |
| **District 30** | | | | |
| Columbia | 2,600 | 1,300 | 62.3 | 81,000 |
| Hamilton | 5,800 | 2,800 | 101.1 | 283,000 |
| Lafayette | 900 | 300 | 80.0 | 24,000 |
| Madison | 5,700 | 2,600 | 70.8 | 184,000 |
| Suwannee | 8,900 | 3,500 | 78.3 | 274,000 |
| Total | 23,900 | 10,500 | 80.6 | 846,000 |
| **District 50** | | | | |
| Alachua | 4,800 | 1,000 | 80.0 | 80,000 |
| Gilchrist | 4,200 | 400 | 60.0 | 24,000 |
| Levy | 3,800 | 300 | 76.7 | 23,000 |
| Union | 900 | 300 | 56.7 | 17,000 |
| Total | 13,700 | 2,000 | 72.0 | 144,000 |
| **Other, State** | 14,800 | 3,700 | 67.6 | 250,000 |
| **State Total** | 85,000 | 28,000 | 75.0 | 2,100,000 |

**PEANUTS**: Acreage, yield and production, by county, **1999**

| District and county | Planted for all purposes | Harvested for dry peanuts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Area | Yield | Production |
| | Acres | | Pounds | |
| **DISTRICT 10** | | | | |
| Calhoun | 4,200 | 3,900 | 2,470 | 9,635,000 |
| Escambia | 1,200 | 1,100 | 2,705 | 2,974,000 |
| Gadsden | 700 | 600 | 2,060 | 1,237,000 |
| Holmes | 5,000 | 4,600 | 2,000 | 9,208,000 |
| Jackson | 31,800 | 29,600 | 2,740 | 81,098,000 |
| Jefferson | 800 | 700 | 2,790 | 1,952,000 |
| Okaloosa | 4,100 | 3,900 | 2,825 | 11,008,000 |
| Santa Rosa | 14,500 | 13,500 | 3,255 | 43,911,000 |
| Walton | 5,900 | 5,500 | 2,220 | 12,205,000 |
| Washington | 1,600 | 1,500 | 3,150 | 4,727,000 |
| Other | 500 | 500 | 2,510 | 1,254,000 |
| Total | 70,300 | 65,400 | 2,740 | 179,209,000 |
| **DISTRICT 30** | | | | |
| Columbia | 4,300 | 4,000 | 1,840 | 7,355,000 |
| Madison | 700 | 700 | 2,545 | 1,783,000 |
| Suwannee | 4,900 | 4,600 | 2,670 | 12,292,000 |
| Other | 700 | 500 | 3,690 | 1,844,000 |
| Total | 10,600 | 9,800 | 2,375 | 23,274,000 |
| **DISTRICT 50** | | | | |
| Alachua | 2,300 | 2,100 | 2,700 | 5,666,000 |
| Gilchrist | 1,200 | 1,200 | 2,280 | 2,733,000 |
| Levy | 10,500 | 9,800 | 3,480 | 34,088,000 |
| Marion | 6,000 | 5,600 | 2,720 | 15,244,000 |
| Other | 1,100 | 100 | 1,660 | 166,000 |
| Total | 21,100 | 18,800 | 3,080 | 57,897,000 |
| **STATE TOTAL** | 102,000 | 94,000 | 2,770 | 260,380,000 |

**PEANUTS**: Acreage, yield and production, by county, **2000**

| District and county | Planted for all purposes | Harvested for dry peanuts | Yield per acre | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | | Pounds | |
| **DISTRICT 10** | | | | |
| Calhoun | 4,600 | 4,300 | 2,530 | 10,881,000 |
| Escambia | 1,200 | 1,200 | 2,080 | 2,498,000 |
| Gadsden | 500 | 400 | 1,900 | 759,000 |
| Holmes | 3,800 | 3,500 | 1,715 | 5,997,000 |
| Jackson | 29,800 | 27,500 | 2,370 | 65,168,000 |
| Jefferson | 800 | 700 | 3,865 | 2,707,000 |
| Okaloosa | 4,600 | 4,300 | 2,230 | 9,582,000 |
| Santa Rosa | 10,800 | 10,000 | 2,975 | 29,737,000 |
| Walton | 4,900 | 4,500 | 2,055 | 9,246,000 |
| Washington | 1,600 | 1,500 | 2,800 | 4,203,000 |
| Other | 600 | 500 | 2,445 | 1,222,000 |
| Total | 63,200 | 58,400 | 2,430 | 142,000,000 |
| **DISTRICT 30** | | | | |
| Columbia | 4,300 | 4,000 | 1,525 | 6,098,000 |
| Madison | 400 | 400 | 3,470 | 1,388,000 |
| Suwannee | 4,600 | 4,200 | 2,235 | 9,387,000 |
| Other | 600 | 500 | 3,335 | 1,668,000 |
| Total | 9,900 | 9,100 | 2,035 | 18,541,000 |
| **DISTRICT 50** | | | | |
| Alachua | 2,100 | 1,900 | 2,425 | 4,612,000 |
| Gilchrist | 400 | 400 | 1,280 | 512,000 |
| Levy | 11,900 | 11,100 | 3,080 | 34,176,000 |
| Marion | 5,400 | 5,000 | 2,720 | 13,611,000 |
| Other | 1,100 | 100 | 2,580 | 258,000 |
| Total | 20,900 | 18,500 | 2,875 | 53,169,000 |
| **STATE TOTAL** | 94,000 | 86,000 | 2,485 | 213,710,000 |

**POTATOES**: Acreage, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1995 through 2000

| Crop year | Area | | Yield per acre | Production | Value per cwt | Total value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Planted | Harvested | | | | |
| | Acres | | Cwt | 1,000 cwt | Dollars | 1,000 dollars |
| **WINTER:** | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 8,300 | 6,900 | 170 | 1,173 | 23.30 | 27,331 |
| 1996 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 210 | 1,848 | 24.60 | 45,461 |
| 1997 | 9,600 | 9,400 | 200 | 1,880 | 16.90 | 31,772 |
| 1998 | 8,500 | 8,000 | 180 | 1,440 | 30.50 | 43,920 |
| 1999 | 9,600 | 9,300 | 200 | 1,860 | 24.70 | 45,942 |
| 2000 | 8,200 | 8,000 | 260 | 2,080 | 17.10 | 35,568 |
| **SPRING (HASTINGS):** | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 28,500 | 27,000 | 220 | 5,940 | 5.90 | 35,046 |
| 1996 | 28,500 | 27,500 | 230 | 6,325 | 9.50 | 60,088 |
| 1997 | 24,900 | 23,900 | 220 | 5,258 | 10.70 | 56,261 |
| 1998 | 25,500 | 24,500 | 235 | 5,758 | 10.70 | 61,611 |
| 1999 | 21,500 | 21,000 | 330 | 6,930 | 7.95 | 55,094 |
| 2000 | 17,200 | 16,500 | 295 | 4,868 | 7.20 | 35,050 |
| **SPRING (OTHER):** | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 10,000 | 9,000 | 210 | 1,890 | 11.70 | 22,113 |
| 1996 | 9,500 | 8,000 | 180 | 1,440 | 14.80 | 21,312 |
| 1997 | 9,000 | 8,800 | 215 | 1,892 | 11.80 | 22,326 |
| 1998 | 10,300 | 10,000 | 160 | 1,600 | 14.70 | 23,520 |
| 1999 | 7,300 | 7,000 | 270 | 1,890 | 13.70 | 25,893 |
| 2000 | 5,100 | 5,000 | 295 | 1,475 | 11.90 | 17,553 |

**POTATOES**: Acreage harvested by selected counties, Florida, crop years 1995 through 2000

| Counties | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Acres | | | |
| Dade | 3,100 | 4,600 | 5,600 | 5,000 | 3,900 | 2,900 |
| Flagler | 2,000 | 2,500 | 2,800 | 2,600 | 1,500 | 900 |
| Putnam | 5,000 | 4,000 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,100 | 2,400 |
| St. Johns | 20,000 | 21,000 | 17,400 | 18,200 | 16,400 | 13,200 |
| Other | 12,800 | 12,200 | 12,600 | 13,000 | 12,400 | 10,100 |
| **WINTER TOTAL** | 6,900 | 8,800 | 9,400 | 8,000 | 9,300 | 8,000 |
| **SPRING TOTAL** | 36,000 | 35,500 | 32,700 | 34,500 | 28,000 | 21,500 |
| **STATE TOTAL** | 42,900 | 44,300 | 42,100 | 42,500 | 37,300 | 29,500 |

**POTATOES**: Production sold, monthly, Florida, crop years 1995 through 2000

| Crop year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun [1/] | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1,000 cwt | | | |
| 1995 | -- | 105 | 408 | 1,807 | 4,868 | 1,769 | 8,957 |
| 1996 | 19 | 182 | 564 | 1,368 | 4,964 | 2,467 | 9,564 |
| 1997 | -- | 503 | 809 | 2,506 | 4,455 | 710 | 8,983 |
| 1998 | 43 | 415 | 673 | 1,413 | 4,674 | 1,534 | 8,752 |
| 1999 | 18 | 425 | 1,246 | 2,069 | 5,024 | 1,843 | 10,625 |
| 2000 | [2/] | 403 | 982 | 1,517 | 4,148 | 1,329 | 8,379 |
| | | | | Percent | | | |
| 1995 | -- | 1.2 | 4.6 | 20.2 | 54.3 | 19.7 | 100.0 |
| 1996 | .2 | 1.9 | 5.9 | 14.3 | 51.9 | 25.8 | 100.0 |
| 1997 | -- | 5.6 | 9.0 | 27.9 | 49.6 | 7.9 | 100.0 |
| 1998 | .5 | 4.7 | 7.7 | 16.2 | 53.4 | 17.5 | 100.0 |
| 1999 | .2 | 4.0 | 11.7 | 19.5 | 47.3 | 17.3 | 100.0 |
| 2000 | [2/] | 4.8 | 11.7 | 18.1 | 49.5 | 15.9 | 100.0 |

[1/] Includes small quantities sold in July. [2/] January included with February.

**POTATOES**: Average value per cwt for all sales, monthly, Florida, crop years 1995 through 2000

| Crop year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun [1/] | Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Dollars | | | |
| 1995 | -- | 27.70 | 27.30 | 14.40 | 6.70 | 6.40 | 9.40 |
| 1996 | 29.70 | 26.80 | 23.90 | 18.65 | 9.70 | 9.60 | 13.20 |
| 1997 | -- | 24.00 | 14.90 | 11.30 | 11.00 | 11.50 | 12.20 |
| 1998 | 33.00 | 31.50 | 30.00 | 16.60 | 10.75 | 13.20 | 14.70 |
| 1999 | 32.70 | 25.80 | 22.85 | 14.35 | 8.10 | 8.55 | 11.88 |
| 2000 | [2/] | 21.90 | 16.00 | 11.70 | 8.40 | 7.90 | 10.46 |

[1/] Includes small quantities sold in July. [2/] January included with February.

**SOYBEANS**: Acreage, yield and production, by county, **1999**

| District and county | Planted for all purposes | Harvested for grain | Yield per acre | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | | Bushels | |
| **District 10** | | | | |
| Calhoun | 2,500 | 2,400 | 39.2 | 94,000 |
| Escambia | 2,800 | 2,650 | 30.2 | 80,000 |
| Gadsden | 500 | 500 | 26.0 | 13,000 |
| Holmes | 900 | 900 | 28.9 | 26,000 |
| Jackson | 5,500 | 5,250 | 29.1 | 153,000 |
| Jefferson | 1,000 | 900 | 26.7 | 24,000 |
| Okaloosa | 300 | 300 | 36.7 | 11,000 |
| Santa Rosa | 1,000 | 950 | 31.6 | 30,000 |
| Walton | 800 | 750 | 30.7 | 23,000 |
| Washington | 1,100 | 1,000 | 38.0 | 38,000 |
| Other | 100 | 100 | 30.0 | 3,000 |
| Total | 16,500 | 15,700 | 31.5 | 495,000 |
| **Other, State** | 3,500 | 3,300 | 34.2 | 113,000 |
| **State Total** | 20,000 | 19,000 | 32.0 | 608,000 |

**SOYBEANS**: Acreage, yield and production, by county, **2000**

| District and county | Planted for all purposes | Harvested for grain | Yield per acre | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | | Bushels | |
| **District 10** | | | | |
| Calhoun | 2,600 | 2,100 | 20.4 | 42,800 |
| Escambia | 2,900 | 2,200 | 16.5 | 36,200 |
| Gadsden | 500 | 300 | 18.7 | 5,600 |
| Holmes | 900 | 700 | 13.3 | 9,300 |
| Jackson | 5,700 | 4,000 | 21.0 | 84,000 |
| Jefferson | 1,000 | 800 | 15.9 | 12,700 |
| Okaloosa | 300 | 200 | 20.0 | 4,000 |
| Santa Rosa | 1,000 | 800 | 19.8 | 15,800 |
| Walton | 800 | 600 | 18.0 | 10,800 |
| Washington | 1,100 | 800 | 20.9 | 16,700 |
| Other | 200 | 100 | 15.0 | 1,500 |
| Total | 17,000 | 12,600 | 19.0 | 239,400 |
| **Other, State** | 3,000 | 2,400 | 19.0 | 45,600 |
| **State Total** | 20,000 | 15,000 | 19.0 | 285,000 |

**TOBACCO, FLUE-CURED, TYPE 14**: Acreage, yield, and production, by district and county, Florida, **1999**

| District and county | Area harvested | Yield | Production |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | Pounds | |
| **DISTRICT 10** | | | |
| Gadsden | 100 | 1,535 | 153,500 |
| Jefferson | 130 | 1,820 | 236,800 |
| Other | 70 | 2,595 | 181,700 |
| Total | 300 | 1,905 | 572,000 |
| **DISTRICT 30** | | | |
| Baker | 100 | 1,920 | 191,900 |
| Columbia | 580 | 2,875 | 1,667,400 |
| Hamilton | 880 | 2,675 | 2,354,100 |
| Lafayette | 500 | 3,145 | 1,573,000 |
| Madison | 620 | 2,575 | 1,598,100 |
| Suwannee | 1,410 | 2,765 | 3,899,000 |
| Other | 140 | 2,370 | 331,600 |
| Total | 4,230 | 2,745 | 11,615,000 |
| **DISTRICT 50** | | | |
| Alachua | 800 | 2,450 | 1,958,400 |
| Gilchrist | 140 | 2,420 | 338,700 |
| Union | 170 | 2,575 | 437,500 |
| Other | 160 | 2,440 | 390,400 |
| Total | 1,270 | 2,460 | 3,125,000 |
| **STATE TOTAL** | 5,800 | 2,640 | 15,312,000 |

**TOBACCO, FLUE-CURED, TYPE 14**: Acreage, yield, and production, by district and county, Florida, **2000**

| District and county | Area harvested | Yield | Production |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | Pounds | |
| **DISTRICT 10** | | | |
| Gadsden | 70 | 1,685 | 118,000 |
| Jefferson | 110 | 2,100 | 231,000 |
| Other | 60 | 1,950 | 117,000 |
| Total | 240 | 1,940 | 466,000 |
| **DISTRICT 30** | | | |
| Baker | 90 | 1,980 | 178,000 |
| Columbia | 430 | 2,700 | 1,161,400 |
| Hamilton | 680 | 2,500 | 1,700,000 |
| Lafayette | 380 | 2,900 | 1,102,000 |
| Madison | 500 | 2,695 | 1,347,000 |
| Suwannee | 1,050 | 2,900 | 3,045,000 |
| Other | 130 | 2,725 | 354,000 |
| Total | 3,260 | 2,725 | 8,887,000 |
| **DISTRICT 50** | | | |
| Alachua | 610 | 2,025 | 1,235,000 |
| Gilchrist | 110 | 2,110 | 232,000 |
| Union | 130 | 2,570 | 334,000 |
| Other | 150 | 2,140 | 321,000 |
| Total | 1,000 | 2,120 | 2,122,000 |
| **STATE TOTAL** | 4,500 | 2,550 | 11,475,000 |

**COTTON**: Acreage, yield, and production, by district and county, Florida 1999-00

| District and county | Area planted | | Area harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | Acres | | | | Pounds | | Bales | |
| **DISTRICT 10** | | | | | | | | |
| Calhoun | 7,600 | 10,300 | 7,500 | 8,400 | 512 | 531 | 8,000 | 9,300 |
| Escambia | 15,400 | 23,200 | 15,200 | 18,900 | 556 | 450 | 17,600 | 17,700 |
| Holmes | 4,200 | 3,900 | 4,100 | 3,100 | 468 | 465 | 4,000 | 3,000 |
| Jackson | 26,300 | 32,900 | 26,100 | 26,800 | 491 | 441 | 26,700 | 24,600 |
| Jefferson | 1,600 | 2,200 | 1,600 | 1,800 | 510 | 453 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Okaloosa | 5,500 | 7,200 | 5,400 | 5,900 | 489 | 504 | 5,500 | 6,200 |
| Santa Rosa | 26,100 | 38,600 | 26,000 | 31,500 | 554 | 521 | 30,000 | 34,200 |
| Walton | 15,900 | 6,100 | 15,700 | 5,000 | 489 | 461 | 16,000 | 4,800 |
| Washington | 1,600 | 1,100 | 1,600 | 900 | 450 | 427 | 1,500 | 800 |
| Total | 104,200 | 125,500 | 103,200 | 102,300 | 516 | 480 | 111,000 | 102,300 |
| **ALL DISTRICTS** | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 2,800 | 4,500 | 2,800 | 3,700 | 514 | 480 | 3,000 | 3,700 |
| **STATE TOTAL** | 107,000 | 130,000 | 106,000 | 106,000 | 516 | 480 | 114,000 | 106,000 |

**SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR**: Acreage, yield, and production, by county, Florida, 1999-00

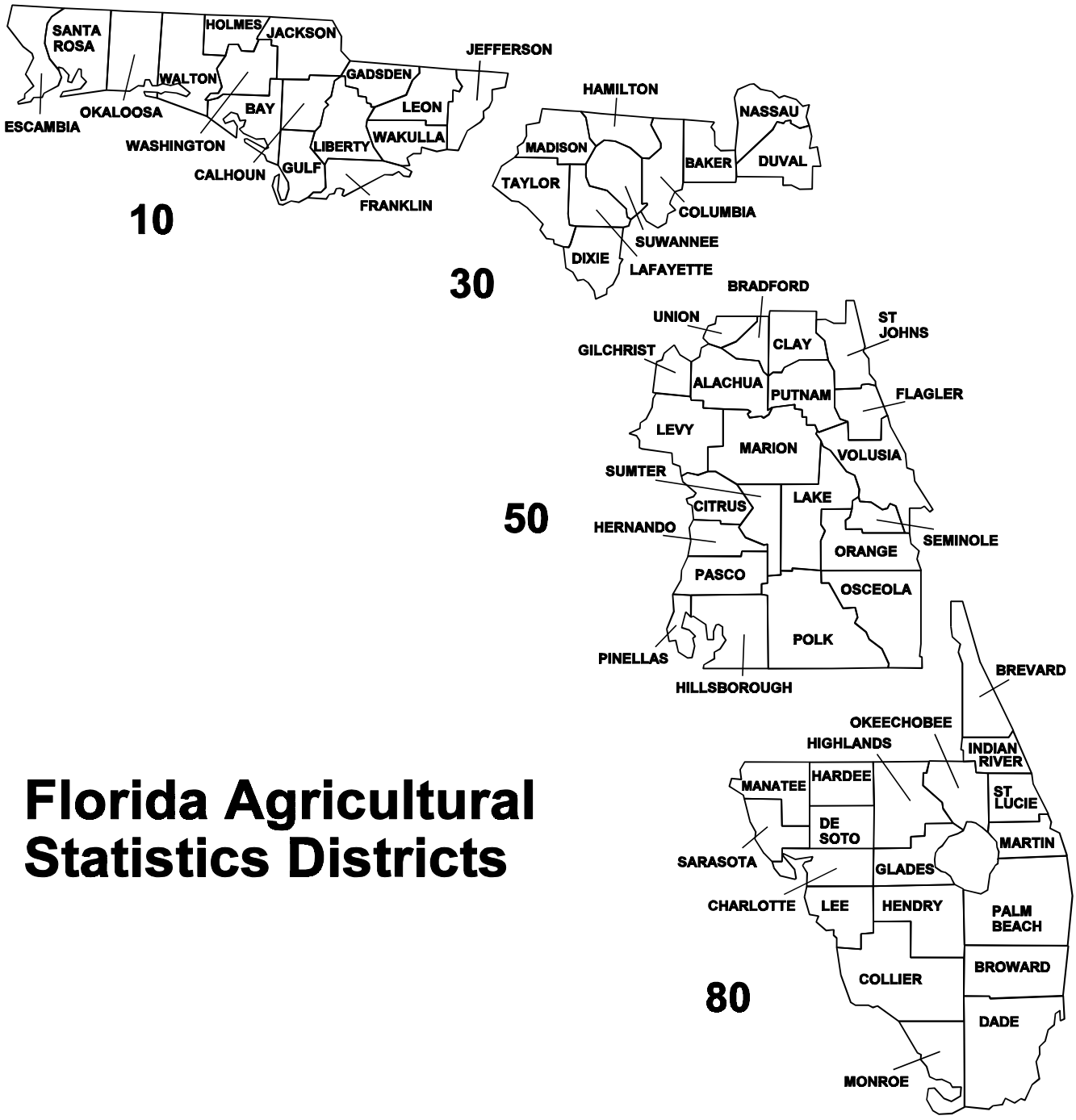
| County | Area harvested | | Yield per acre | | Production | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | Acres | | Tons | | Tons | |
| Glades | 16,000 | 15,000 | 31.0 | 38.3 | 496,000 | 574,000 |
| Hendry | 57,000 | 55,000 | 35.3 | 38.4 | 2,012,100 | 2,112,000 |
| Martin & Palm Beach | 370,000 | 357,000 | 35.1 | 38.3 | 12,996,900 | 13,668,000 |
| **STATE TOTAL** | 443,000 | 427,000 | 35.0 | 38.3 | 15,505,000 | 16,354,000 |

**WHEAT**: Acreage, yield, and production, by district, 2000

| District and county totals | Planted for all purposes | Harvested for grain | Yield per acre | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | | Bushels | |
| District 10 | 11,500 | 8,000 | 50.0 | 400,000 |
| District 30 | 900 | 600 | 41.7 | 25,000 |
| District 50 | 600 | 400 | 40.0 | 16,000 |
| State Total | 13,000 | 9,000 | 49.0 | 441,000 |

**FLORIDA**: Usual planting and harvesting dates, by crops and principal producing areas

| Crop | Usual planting dates | Usual harvesting dates | | | Principal producing areas, Agricultural Statistics Districts or counties |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Begin | Most active | End | |
| Corn: | | | | | |
| Grain | Mar 1-Apr 25 | Jul 15 | Aug 1-Sep 10 | Oct 1 | 10, 30, 50 |
| Silage | Mar 1-Apr 25 | Jun 10 | Jul 1-Aug 5 | Aug 10 | 10, 30, 50 |
| Forage | Mar 1-Apr 25 | Aug 15 | Sep 1-Oct 25 | Nov 25 | 10, 30, 50 |
| Cotton | Apr 1-May 15 | Sep 15 | Oct 1-Nov 1 | Dec 1 | 10, 30 |
| Peanuts | | | | | |
| for nuts | Apr 1-May 15 | Aug 15 | Sep 15-Oct 15 | Nov 15 | 10, 30, 50 |
| Potatoes | Sep 15-Mar 1 | Jan 15 | Feb 1-Jun 15 | Jul 1 | 30, 50, 80 |
| Soybeans | May 1-Jul 1 | Oct 1 | Oct 15-Nov 15 | Nov 25 | 10, 30 |
| Sugarcane | | | | | |
| for sugar | Aug 15-Feb 15 | Nov 1 | Nov 15-Mar 1 | Apr 1 | Glades, Hendry Palm Beach Martin |
| Tobacco: | | | | | |
| Type 14 | Mar 1-Apr 15 | Jun 1 | Jul 1-Aug 1 | Aug 25 | 10, 30, 50 |
| Wheat, Winter | | | | | |
| for grain | Nov 15-Dec 15 | May 1 | May 15-May 31 | Jun 15 | 10, 30 |
| Hay | --- | May 10 | --- | Nov 20 | Statewide |




# Florida Agricultural Statistics Districts

# “WHY CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTS”

Crop and livestock reports are the basic facts of agriculture, providing the needed foundation for sound decision making by farmers.

They aid farmers in production planning and marketing, and contribute to more orderly markets.

They are the basis for analyzing agriculture and other business conditions.

They are a tool to be used in enhancing optimal utilization of market infrastructure for distribution of farm products.

They give producers the same information to project price trends that buyers and dealers possess.

They are a check on fluctuation in price, by reducing uncertainty of supply.

They are the best basis for adjusting supply to demand, which is essential if a fair and profitable price is to prevail.

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They give more information on surplus and deficit areas of production, making possible a more economical distribution of products.

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